

'STOP PORNOGRAPHY!' ANGRY CITIZENS CRY, 'CLEAN UP COMMUNITY'

A group of Albina teenagers met with the Reverend John H. Jackson, President of AMA (Albina Ministerial Alliance) to discuss co-operation in fighting pornography in the Albina district. The meeting generated a heated debate, but finally the group decided they will picket and seek ways of closing down undesirable

movies and sex shows in the community.

Months ago AMA had sought help from city officials to no avail. Mayor Schunk answered them in a letter stating that there was nothing the city could do.

Residents criticized city officials for not closing down the Walnut Park Theater on

Union Avenue. The theater is used by white middle-class citizens who live outside the Albina area. These men also try to solicit young girls on the streets.

"AMA cannot understand it," Rev. Jackson shouted at the meeting. "The churches are responsible for creating moral standards. What is the

point of the church's effort when you can't get help from city government?"

AMA and the teenagers will not be pacified by the answers given by city officials.

"We are going to clean up our community and we are starting by closing down the Walnut Park Theater," Jackson told a group of citizens

at the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church last Tuesday.

Bishop J.C. Foster is in charge of AMA pickets. Bishop Foster told reporters that, "This is not just clergymen who are concerned, but residents of the area."

In the picket line you will find teenagers, clergymen, businessmen and people of all different

backgrounds."

Rev. John Jackson is urging all citizens to write letters to city officials and to call them about this matter. He also urged others to join the picket line.

Many Portland citizens accuse Albina of having a high rate of crime and of being a center for prostitution. Yet,

when the citizens of Albina go to the city officials, the District Attorney, and the police department to ask for their help, we get no help. In the past the citizens demanded that open prostitution on Williams Avenue be stopped — yet the police department said nothing could be done. As with the viewers of

pornography, most of the customers seemed to be middle-aged, middle-class white men from other parts of the Portland area.

AMA's crusade against the Walnut Park Theater, the New Follies Theater, and the Lombard Avenue Theater, all in Albina, is a crusade of (Please turn to pg 3 col 2)

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Vickers quits and protests

Thomas R. Vickers, 33rd degree, has resigned from his position as Chairman of the Joint Education Committee of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Oregon, to protest the refusal of Grand Master William B. Odom and the finance committee of the Grand Lodge, chaired by Alton Johnson, to keep commitments made to students.

their education through their scholarships.

This year the Education Committee chose four students for \$150 scholarships—Lula Washington of Portland State University, Donna Smith and Margo Taylor of the University of Oregon, and Michelle Burton of the University of Portland. The selection was voted on an approval by the Grand Lodge, but the Grand



THOMAS VICKERS

The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have given scholarships to college students for the past nine years, continuing the scholarships as long as the students had passing grades. A number of students have been helped to complete

Master and the finance committee have refused to carry out the directive of the Grand Lodge.

Vickers stated that the money is available. He stated (Please turn to pg. 8 col. 6)



Senator Wayne Morse

Morse, Harris come to Albina

Oklahoma Democratic senator Fred Harris and his wife LaDonna, President of the Americans for Indians Opportunities, will be on hand Sunday at 8 p.m. to open the McGovern/Morse campaign headquarters at 4306 N. Williams.

Senator Wayne Morse will also speak at the opening of the office which will serve as canvassing and information center for both the McGovern and Morse drives in the area.

"The best defense against the specter of white racism is a unified and informed black electorate," Morse said.

"Minority groups in this country must be ever alert; they must watch elected officials carefully and check their voting records to insure that their votes do not

undercut the long, hard struggle for full equality."

Gladys McCoy, co-chairperson of Oregon Women's Committee for McGovern, added her support to the McGovern/Morse campaign in the black community.

"Through his reform program," Ms. McCoy said, "McGovern has shown clearly that he supports an integrated party. In his acceptance speech, McGovern was not only inviting America to come home, but was also inviting black people to come home to the Democratic Party. We now have the opportunity to accept his invitation."

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided as the McGovern/Morse campaign welcomes all interested citizens to attend the office opening.

AMA assists schools

Reverend John Jackson, President of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, requested that parents of children attending public schools in the Albina area co-operate with the school system in eliminating the excessive loitering in the school halls. Parents and students who are enrolled in other schools are schools are in the halls during the day, which causes noise and confusion.

Reverend Jackson asked all member ministers of AMA to urge their congregations to cooperate and assist the school personnel in solving this problem.

Hydrant inspection begins

City Commissioners Lloyd Anderson and Connie McCready today announced that beginning the week of October 1st the Portland Fire Bureau, in co-operation with the Bureau of Water Works, will begin its semi-annual hydrant inspection.

The purpose of the inspection is to ensure that the 8500 hydrants in the City of Portland are in good mechanical operating condition in the event of a fire.

During the testing period individuals may notice a slight discoloration of tap water which should soon clear. This is due to increased disturbance in the mains. However, the City Bureau will make every effort to keep such disturbance to a minimum.

The City of Portland enjoys the most favorable insurance classification presently given to cities of its size in the United States primarily because of the effectiveness of its Fire Department and water system.

Portland OIC joins national celebration October 11th

National OIC Day, October 11th, will be celebrated in Portland, as in over 40 other cities in the United States, by the showing of a closed circuit TV program — "Be Somebody". National OIC Day was proclaimed by the President to bring attention to the need for job training.

Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) is a manpower training program that was founded in Philadelphia in 1964 by Reverend Leon H. Sullivan. Rev. Sullivan operated on the principal that men and women could develop pride and self-esteem through the development of marketable skills. Trainees are trained in a number of skills in which there is available employment, and are provided general education classes and employment and personal counseling.

The program, which now has a budget of \$47 million and centers in 100 cities across the nation, continues to train persons at a cost of about one half that of other training programs.

Primarily a black program in its beginnings, OIC now reaches Chicanos, Indians and poor whites — according to the needs of the area where the centers are located.

Portland OIC, which is directed by Reverend Eugene Boyd, Jr. with Bishop W.L. McKinney as chairman of the Board of Directors, began in 1968. It was organized by a group of ministers who had seen Seattle OIC in operation and worked to bring such a successful program to Portland.

"Be Somebody" will feature such outstanding stars as Sammy Davis, Dick Gregory, Nancy Wilson, Aretha Franklin, Sonny and Cher, and the Fifth Dimension.

Tickets, which range from \$10 to \$1, are available at the Coliseum, Meier and Frank, Lloyd Center, and POIC, 401 N.E. Union Avenue.



DR. LEON SULLIVAN
Founder and Board Chairman
National OIC



BISHOP W.L. MCKINNEY
POIC Board Chairman

Black studies gets director

New director for the Portland State University Black Studies Program is Almore A. Thompson, former dean of students for the Educational Opportunity Program at the University of California at Santa Barbara, according to PSU Dean of Undergraduate Studies Dr. Ronald Cease.

Thompson, 33, is the second permanent director of the program replacing former head Philip McLaurin who resigned last year to take another position. PSU Black Studies history instructor Lenwood Davis served as acting director during the 1971-72 academic year.

Thompson will head the three year-old program that enables students to work towards a certificate in black studies by completing the program's specified requirements in addition to fulfilling University requirements for a bachelor of arts or sciences degree. The interdisciplinary program offers over thirty courses related to black history, culture, (Please turn to pg. 8 col. 5)



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Race relations workshop held

The third and final Race Relations Workshop for 1972 has been scheduled for October 22 thru the 29th, to be held at Bowman's Resort in Wenatchee, Oregon (about 45 miles east of Portland) according to Roy Harris, Race Relations Workshop Coordinator.

The workshop will be able to accommodate a maximum of 80 people. Early registration is strongly advised since the past two workshops have had overflow capacities, with many late registrations having to be turned away.

The workshop will be conducted by approximately 18 paraprofessional and professional residents of the Vancouver / Portland community, at no charge for their services.

Previous workshops held in June at Sallaban Lodge and in August at Sweetbriar Inn were considered "beneficial, exciting, helpful, shocking and fantastic" according to some of the written evaluations given by previous participants.

Registrations are being accepted now at a total cost of \$37.00 per person which includes lodging accommodations

at the luxurious condominium resort and all meals. (Sunday lunch at additional charge). A non-refundable advance deposit of \$20.00 is required from each participant. Those persons that desire to attend, firms that want to send selected or volunteering employees, or persons offering financial sponsorships should contact Mr. Harris through the Race Relations Workshop Information and Registration Center in Vancouver, Washington at (206) 694-4377, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Evenings or weekends call (206) 694-4133.

Blacks head Nixon's re-election

Dr. Booker T. Lewis, Jr., and Mrs. Berna D. Plummer, both of Portland, have been named Oregon chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of The Black Citizens Committee For The Re-Election Of The

President, according to Mrs. Anna Payne, state co-chairman of The Oregon Committee For The Re-Election Of The President. Named state youth chairman was Curt Martin, an alternate delegate to Gov.

Tom McCall. Dr. Lewis is a Portland dentist. Mrs. Plummer, a graduate of the University of Oregon, is a first year law student at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College.